

**ARKANSAS GRADUATION REQUIREMENTS  
SMART CORE INFORMATION**

**English – 4 units**

- 9<sup>th</sup> Grade English\*
- 10<sup>th</sup> Grade English\*
- 11<sup>th</sup> Grade English\*
- 12<sup>th</sup> Grade English\*

**Mathematics – 4 units (or 3 units of math and 1 unit of Computer Science\*) *At least one MATH unit must be taken in Grade 11 or Grade 12.***

- Algebra I\*
- Geometry\*
- Algebra II\*
- Fourth Math\* as approved by ADE or approved Computer Science\*\*

**Science – 3 units with lab experience (or 2 units with lab experience and 1 unit of Computer Science\*)**

- Biology\* - 1 unit
- Physical Science\*, Chemistry\*, or Physics\* or ADE approved Computer Science\*\* – 2 units (a maximum of 1 computer science credit may count for this requirement)

**Social Studies – 3 units**

- Civics\* - ½ unit
- World History\* - 1 unit
- American History\* - 1 unit
- other social studies\* - ½ unit

**Oral Communication\* – ½ unit**

**Physical Education\* – ½ unit**

**Health and Safety\* – ½ unit**

**Economics and Personal Finance\* – ½ unit (may be counted toward Social Studies or Career Focus)**

**Fine Arts\* – ½ unit**

**Career Focus\* – 6 units**

**Personal Finance\*** – Beginning with the freshmen class of 2017-18, A.C.A. § 6-16-135 requires students to complete a course that includes specific personal finance standards in either grades 10, 11, or 12.

**\*Category course options as listed on the ADE Smart Core Course Code List**

**\*\*Computer Science – (optional)** A flex unit of an approved Computer Science (any course starting with 465 or 565) may replace the 4th math requirement or the 3rd science requirement. Two distinct units of the approved computer science courses may replace the 4th math requirement and the 3rd science requirement. Once the 4th math requirement and the 3rd science requirements have been met, any additional computer science credits will be recognized as career focus credits.

**Each high school student shall be required to take at least one digital learning course for credit to graduate.**

Smart Core is the default graduation requirements for all students; therefore, signatures are no longer required to participate. Schools should develop Student Success Plans beginning in 8<sup>th</sup> grade for all students in accordance with Smart Core requirements.